

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-6. Canceled.

7. (Previously presented) A method for treating dyslipidemia consisting essentially of administering to an individual in need thereof a synergistically effective dose of a chromium complex and biotin, wherein said synergistically effective dose is sufficient to raise serum HDL cholesterol levels.

8-37. Canceled.

38. (Previously presented) A method for raising serum HDL levels comprising administering to an individual in need thereof a synergistically effective dose of a chromium complex and biotin, wherein said synergistically effective dose is sufficient to raise serum HDL cholesterol levels.

39. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 38, wherein the synergistically effective ~~does~~ dose of chromium complex is between about 25 μ g and 2,000 μ g per day.

40. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 38, wherein the synergistically effective ~~does~~ dose of chromium complex is between about 300 μ g and 1,000 μ g per day.

41. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 38, wherein the synergistically effective ~~does~~ dose of biotin is between about 25 μ g and 20 mg per day.

42. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 38, wherein the synergistically effective ~~does~~ dose of biotin is between about 150 μ g and 5 mg per day.

43. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said chromium complex is selected from the group consisting of chromium picolinate, chromic tripicolinate, chromium nicotinate, chromic polynicotinate, chromium chloride, chromium histidinate, and chromium yeasts.

44. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said chromium complex is in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said biotin is in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

46. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said chromium complex is orally administered.

47. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said biotin is orally administered.

48. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said chromium complex is parenterally administered.

49. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said biotin is parenterally administered.

50. (Previously presented) A method for raising serum HDL levels comprising administering to an individual in need thereof a synergistically effective dose of a chromium complex and biotin, wherein said synergistically effective dose is sufficient to raise serum HDL cholesterol levels, further comprising administering picolinic acid.

51. (Previously presented) A method for raising serum HDL levels comprising administering to an individual in need thereof a synergistically effective dose of a chromium complex and biotin, wherein said synergistically effective dose is sufficient to raise serum HDL cholesterol levels, further comprising administering nicotinic acid.

52. (Previously presented) A method for raising serum HDL levels comprising administering to an individual in need thereof a synergistically effective dose of a chromium complex and biotin, wherein said synergistically effective dose is sufficient to raise serum HDL cholesterol levels, further comprising administering picolinic-acid and nicotinic acid.

53. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said chromium complex and said biotin complex are administered simultaneously.

54. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, wherein said biotin is administered separately from said chromium complex.